

Cross-jurisdictional Sharing Developmental Measures

Background

Cross-jurisdictional sharing is gaining momentum nationally as a strategy to build local public health capacity to deliver essential public health services. Local health departments around the country are working across jurisdictional boundaries to enhance organizational capabilities or to better meet local needs through shared services or resources. These arrangements can result in more effective and efficient public health services and increased collective capacity.

What is Cross-Jurisdictional Sharing?

Cross-jurisdictional sharing of public health services is a government-to-government activity—it is a *deliberate exercise of governmental authorities to share services, organizational functions, or other resources across geo-political boundaries (e.g. Minnesota counties)*. These may be formal arrangements codified in legal documents (e.g. Joint Powers Agreements or contracts for services) or less formal arrangements provided for by county board resolutions or informal “handshake” agreements; it may be used in a few instances by separate and distinct entities or it could be the way a multi-county community health board with a single health department conducts most or all of its programs.

Examples include shared administrative and organizational functions (e.g. assessment and planning, human resources, health IT, surveillance, communications), shared program functions (e.g. environmental health, family home visiting, SHIP), or shared governance (e.g. joint powers agreements for multi-county CHBs).

For the purposes of better understanding how cross-jurisdictional sharing helps the local public health system do its work, these measures specifically relate to *ongoing sharing arrangements between local entities* as described above. ***CHBs should not include arrangements between MDH and CHBs; arrangements between CHBs and other community partners; or arrangements for sporadic sharing of resources***, as may occur through mutual aid agreements or other arrangements to provide back-up services in emergency situations.

Due to the complexity and nuance of these arrangements, OPI is requesting that CHBs indicate a willingness to be contacted by OPI staff for further discussion of their responses, when appropriate.

Where can our CHB get assistance on cross-jurisdictional sharing?

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In the past year, have you engaged in cross-jurisdictional sharing (CJS) on a continuous, recurring basis? [You may select more than one response, if appropriate.]

- Yes, among counties in a multi-county CHB ⇒ proceed to question 2
- Yes, between CHBs ⇒ proceed to question 2
- No - done with section

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For which programmatic areas or organizational functions are you sharing services? (Select all that apply)

Programs

- Child and Teen Checkups outreach
- Chronic disease screening or treatment
- Communicable disease screening or treatment
- Community engagement
- Direct clinical services
- Emergency preparedness planning, reporting, or other ongoing activities
- Environmental health programs (other than inspection or licensing)
- Health equity activities
- Maternal and child health services (e.g. family home visiting, early hearing detection and intervention, birth defects)
- Oral Health
- Population-based prevention programs: SHIP
- Population-based prevention programs: Other than SHIP
- WIC services and outreach

Organizational and administrative functions

- Assessment and planning
 - Communications or public information
 - Epidemiology or surveillance
 - Financial management
 - CHS Administration
 - Human resources
 - Health information technology or management
 - Inspection, permit or licensing
 - Laboratory services
 - Organizational structure and governance
 - Performance management/quality improvement
 - Purchasing
 - Staff training
 - Strategic planning
 - Workforce assessment and planning
- Other (Please specify) _____
- None

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Would you be willing to share information about your CJS arrangements with OPI staff?

- Yes – if you select yes, an OPI staff person may follow up with you.
- No

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